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SUBJECT: MARCOS MOURNS MAO

1. PHILIPPINE FIRST FAMILY IN COMPANY WITH SIXTEEN CABINET MEMBERS AND TWENTY-THREE HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS PRESENTED CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF MAO AT PRC EMBASSY SEPT 14. ACCORDING PRESS, PRESIDENT COMMENTED: "WE HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED MAO TSE-TUNG NOT ONLY A LEADER OF CHINA BUT A GIANT AMONG LIBERATORS OF THE WORLD." MRS. MARCOS SAID, "WITH THE DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO, THE WORLD HAS LOST ONE OF THE GREATEST TEACHERS OF ALL TIME. PERSONALLY, I HAVE LOST THE GREATEST HUMAN BEING FOR A FRIEND."

2. "TIMES JOURNAL" NOTED THAT DAUGHTER IMEE, DRESSED IN "MANDARIN-INSPIRED TUNIC AND SKIRT ENSEMBLE" WAS MISTY-EYED, WHILE "BULLETIN TODAY" FRONT PAGE PHOTO SHOWED MRS. MARCOS DAUBING AWAY TEARS. AS PART OF OBSERVANCES, MILITARY HONOR GUARDPLAYED TAPS AND FIRED TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE IN FRONT OF EMBASSY (WHERE OBSERVANCES FOR CHIANG KAI-SHEK WERE HELD LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO). SULLIVAN

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